



State of Delaware  
Homeland Security Advisory Council  
(HSAC)

January 23, 2019

Minutes

0900-1100

James Turner III Conference Room  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
Smyrna DE 19977

**PUBLIC SESSION - Welcome, Call to Order, and Room Introductions**

**1. Secretary Coupe- Chair** called the meeting to order after determining that a quorum of members was present at 9:00 am. Those in attendance were as follows:

Secretary Robert Coupe  
Terry Pepper, HSA

Solomon Adote  
Sandra Alexander  
Timothy Cooper  
A. J. Schall  
Joshua Kelly  
Jessica McIntire  
Warren Jones  
Drew Aydelotte

Department of Safety & Homeland Security - **Chair**  
Department of Safety & Homeland Security – **Co-Chair**

Department of Technology & Information  
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DHSS/Division of Public Health  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
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Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

Marvin Mailey  
Heather Hirst

Dover Police Department  
Department of Agriculture

James Markley	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Joseph Hughes	Delaware League of Local Governments
Gene Donaldson	Department of Transportation
Dwayne Day	Department of Transportation
James Hosfelt	Dover Downs/ Public Safety and Track Operations
Tim Hulings	Delaware State Police
Daniel Meadows	Delaware State Police (DIAC)
Luis Rovira	US Dept. Homeland Security
Ed Klima	Managing partner Eventc2, LLC
William Kent	Delaware National Guard
Corissa Gott	Delaware National Guard
Brandon Trapp	Dover Air Force Base
Lisa Morris	Attorney General's Office
Donna Moran	Department of Safety & Homeland Security

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting minutes from November 21, 2018 were approved and unanimously approved by voting members of the Council attendance.

Below is a summary of the topics that were discussed at the Homeland Security Advisory Council meeting on January 23, 2019.

### **Security Briefings:**

#### **DIAC**

The DIAC discussed recent situations that have happened: a hotel attack, a ram style attack, and events that have happened locally. The Christiana Mall had a recent event on December 21st that was thought to be an active shooter but was untrue. A sign was knocked down during a fight and it was reported as shots fired. The situation was handled well with effective communication to get everyone out of the mall out of harm's way. An Individual walked into the military recruiter's office and made threats against law enforcement. Chief Marvin Mailey stated the individual has been arrested and taken into in custody. Joseph Hughes from Delaware Local League of Government complimented the DIAC report that is sent out.

#### **DHSS/Division of Public Health**

Terry Pepper spoke on behalf of Steve Blessing regarding flu shots. Mr. Blessing urged those, it is not too late to receive a flu shot. If you have not received your flu

shot you still have the opportunity to get one. The only time the flu shot is not recommended is when you are already sick with the flu.

### **Delaware Volunteer Firefighters Association**

Warren Jones stated there are 3 fire related deaths this year for 2019. The new houses that are being constructed have hard wired smoke detectors, with battery backup. Mr. Jones reminded everyone of the importance of checking your smoke detectors and batteries.

### **Delaware Emergency Management Agency**

Delaware Memorial Bridge was shut down, Sunday night of Thanksgiving Day weekend with a Hazmat response. An after action response was done with all of Fire, Police, and EMS partners. A lot of beneficial information was shared between the emergency staff. A problem noted is, reverse 911 only works from landlines. Many people only use cell phones and have discontinued there landline use. A cell phone makes reverse 911 ineffective. A table top is planned with Department of Elections. There are many volunteers that help with the election booths/Elections and an emergency plan is needed. DEMA is also working on updating emergency plans that are more user friendly.

### **Department of Agriculture**

The Avian Influenza circulating virus in migrating waterfowl.

Newcastle Disease is a virus that causes a deadly infection in many kinds of birds, in humans it can cause flu like symptoms and conjunctivitis. New Castle Disease – circulating in California, 3 commercial flocks and hundreds of small backyard flocks and most recently one exhibition flock in Utah

African swine fever is in China and Eastern Europe. We buy feed from China and the feed could be contaminated. The Agroterrorism Tabletop is being rescheduled due to federal shutdown.

### **Department of Technology & Information**

DTI continues to test their IT Disaster Recovery Plan by testing and recovering their Critical systems. These tests are put in place in case of a Cyber-attack, Physical attack, or a Natural Hazards attack. DTI would like to have remote access,

tablets, and phones in place to make sure service is always available. There was a recent spear phishing incident where a Gmail account was used to interact with State of Delaware. Educating our staff about Security and phishing scams like this is important. Effective January 25, 2019, there will be email changes to all state emails. The Delaware state email will go from State.de.us to Delaware.gov.

### **Delaware National Guard**

The Delaware National Guard has upcoming events that were shared to HSAC members by William Kent:

- Mid-planning Special Focus Exercise- February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>- Smyrna Readiness Center Capt. Gott Lt. Jefferson are the contact for this exercise.
- Military Ball- 4/27/19- Riverfront Theatre
- March- Change of Command Ceremony -Date and location to be announced

### **Delaware State Police/DIAC**

Major Meadows discussed a recent event of a threatening call to a daycare. There were many similar call events in the area to other daycare and schools indicating robotic calling. This makes multiple units of law enforcements and EMS attempt to respond to all of these calls. It is hard to identify the origin of the call, as they are sometimes from overseas.

Secretary Coupe, AJ Schall, and Major Meadows discussed the After Action Review of Christiana Mall event.

Brandon Trapp conferred about the threat at the recruitment office. Brandon also discussed Drone software that can bypass flying restrictions.

### **Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)**

Dwayne Day discussed a recent concern with Drones and areas with flight restrictions. DGI (manufacturer of Chinese drones) have a built in “no fly zone restrictions (Geo fencing.) Also, a discussion took place regarding technology to disable the drones. The technology is not available to States or local authorities.

Gene Donaldson spoke about the Delaware Memorial Bridge closure. There were some areas of communication problems during the closure. This particular bridge closure is not normally handled by DELDOT, it is handled by Delaware River Bay Authority.

Secretary Coupe introduced and welcomed Luis Rovira, DHS Liaison taking over for Trevor Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. and unanimously approved by the voting members in attendance.

**Next meeting: March 27, 2019**

**9:00 am-11:00 am**